

# BITS & BYTES FOR BAGLEY BACKERS

October, 2016



## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Praise God for progress being made by the Wesleyan Church in Uganda.
2. Pray for God's special blessing to be on the lives and ministry of the newly ordained ministers in Uganda.
3. Pray for Fred & Carol Cromer as they continue with the massive task of establishing Wesleyan Bible Institute of Uganda and help with the ongoing development of the church.
4. Praise God that the church in Cameroon has been able to secure property in Yaoundé to begin construction of their first church building.

## UGANDA CELEBRATIONS

History was made in Busia, Uganda the final weekend of August. Saturday began with a parade of church members from the church, through the main street of the small town and eventually ending up at the Wesleyan Bible Institute (WBI).

At WBI, Bob had the privilege of leading a dedication ceremony for the property. The property consisting of two semi-finished buildings in a walled compound was acquired a little over a year ago. Missionaries Fred and Carol Cromer then moved onto the property to give oversight to the development of the property and the ministerial training program of WBI.



Bob & Lucas Hamirie cut the ribbon as Fred Cromer looks on in the background

The crowd then moved over to the Busia Wesleyan Church where both the church and John Wesley Primary School next door were dedicated. Dr. Alfred Kalemba, National Superintendent of Zambia, dedicated the primary school (The Wesleyan Church of Zambia oversees the work in Uganda). Dr. Barclay Brown, a long time partner of the work in Uganda, dedicated the church building.



Busia church dedication  
(Primary school on left, church on the right)

We then moved into the church for the highlight of the day, the ordination of eight candidates into the ministry. With over sixty churches, up to this point Rev. Lucas Hamirie was the only ordained minister. Global Partners has made the training of lay pastors its primary focus in Uganda for the past few years with regular visits by church leaders from Zambia and the US. A few

5. Praise God for the growth of the church in Swaziland and pray that God will give wisdom and vision to its leaders.

6. Pray for a special sense of God's presence at the graduations in Mozambique and Swaziland.

7. Please ask God to help the Liberian leaders as they continue to work through all the details needed for them to become established as a national conference in a couple of months.



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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had been in the training process for as long as twelve years. Dr. Dennis Jackson, Executive Director of Global Partners, led this historic ordination.



Ordination group photo

Front row from left: Fred Cromer, Barclay Brown, Dennis Jackson, Alfred Kalembo, Bob Bagley, Lucas Hamirie. Ordinand and their wives are standing.

## SWAZILAND NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Two years ago the Wesleyan church in Swaziland separated off from the church in South Africa, divided into three Districts and became a National Conference. Early in September they came together for a "reporting conference" to see how well they were progressing. As might be expected reports showed both encouraging gains in some areas and continuing challenges in others. Bob had the chance to preach three times during the weekend addressing issues of concern for the church drawn from the example of Elijah.



National Superintendent Rev. Thabsile Thwala gives her report

## COMING UP!

It's the season for Bible College graduations:

- 1) October 16 we expect to be in Mozambique for the Xai Xai Bible College graduation.
- 2) October 26-28 Bob will be participating in a "Pastors Camp" in Swaziland.
- 3) October 29 Bob will be the graduation speaker at Emmanuel Wesleyan Bible College in Swaziland, and Brenda will march as a member of the faculty having taught a course there earlier this year.

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